

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced today that \$2 million in federal funding was secured for Lemoore Naval Air Station's Local Situational Awareness Systems in the Fiscal Year 2008 Defense Appropriations bill. The bill was passed on the House floor early Sunday morning by a vote of 395 to 13.

Following this weekend's passage on the House floor, the bill will head to the Senate for consideration. Once passed by the Senate, the bill will then head into a Conference Committee where the House and Senate will resolve the differences between their versions. Following conference, the bills will again be sent to the House and Senate for final approval, after which they will be sent to the President for his signature.

"This is great news for Lemoore NAS," said Costa. "Funding for this project will help to protect aircraft and infrastructure investments, as well as the men and women serving at Lemoore. This is critical funding to make improvements at Lemoore and to its future mission."

The Local Situational Awareness Systems provides access control, monitoring perimeter security, and detecting and responding to a wide array of contingencies ranging from hazardous materials spills to terrorist attacks. The project will finalize the NAS Lemoore Physical Security technology enhancements by providing automated perimeter security through the incorporation of technology enhancements and surveillance on the flight line perimeter fences surrounding the Lemoore operations area and the missile and ordnance magazine areas.